

Postal Regulatory Commission


Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

NOTICE OF FILING UNDER 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:

Please take notice that on August 12, 2011, the Commission received a petition for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Star Tannery post office located in Star Tannery, Virginia. The petition for review was filed by Robert Engle (Petitioner) and is postmarked August 8, 2011.

This notice is advisory only and is being furnished so that the Postal Service may begin assembling the administrative record in advance of any formal appeal proceedings held upon the alleged (closing/consolidation) for transmittal pursuant to 39 CFR § 3001.113(a) (requiring the filing of the record within 15 days of the filing with the Commission of a petition for review). The Postal Service's administrative record is due no later than August 29, 2011.



Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary

Date: August 15, 2011

Attachment

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Re: Docket #1383312-22654

This letter is to file my appeal to the decision to close the Star Tannery Post Office.

The postal representatives have been devious, deceptive and condescending in virtually all dealings with the citizens and the news media during this procedure.

The Postal officials did not poll the attendees at the public meeting. If they had they would have had close to 100% opposing the closing.

The Postal officials frequently noted that there was no Post Master at Star Tannery. This could have been corrected at any time by appointing a Post Master.

Postal officials have constantly pointed out the low and declining revenue and increasing costs associated with the Post Office. However, no Post office can be closed due to losing money. They will only lose more money due to closures as people seek alternative methods. They need to address their out of control wage and compensation issues.

At the public meeting, the Postal officials stated there was no alternative to the Post Office closing, No Part time option and no contract option. Their only solution was Drive to Strasburg or wait at your home mailbox for the delivery person. I know that the Star Market owners were contacted by phone and were asked if they wanted to sell stamps. No Mention Of a contract (Village Post Office) was discussed. Only after the decision to close was posted and Congressman Frank Wolf's office pressed for the Village Post Office was there any activity for this alternative.

The postal officials offered ridiculous solutions for package, stamp purchases, and money order purchases by waiting for the delivery person at the mail box or putting money and packages in the mailbox. Citizens living in rural areas know better than leaving anything of value in mailboxes. Mail for delivery is always taken to the Post Office to ensure that it is not stolen. A raised flag on a rural mailbox is an invitation for theft.

In the decision to close document, there is not one disadvantage to the citizens noted. There is no increased cost calculation to the citizens submitted. What is the cost in time and money of having to drive 11 miles to Strasburg? Box holders will bear inordinate costs to make daily trips just to receive their mail. The cost to home businesses was not ever considered.

The rural citizens are being deprived of equality of services from a constitutionally mandated organization.

We were constantly told that there was no decision made before the posting. There is not one piece of evidence to demonstrate the honesty of this statement. Every communication was meant to be an argument for closing with no options.

This decision to close should be overturned and other more meaningful means such as increasing revenues through better value added services and manage wage and compensation issues. It was a slap in our faces when the day after our meeting, The Post Office announced increased wages and benefits for Postal employees.

Sincerely

Robert Engle

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Engle", written in a cursive style.